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L.J. Swartzentruber Farm
Gortner
Private

1908

The L.J. Swartzentruber House is a 2-story brick, four bay by 3 bay structure with a bracketed gable roof. Its unusual plan is marked by diagonally symmetrical opposing 2-story inset porches. It was built in 1908 by Asa Coddington for Lewis J. Swartzentruber and is one of few brick dwellings in southern Garrett County.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

L. J. Swartzentruber Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

US Route 219S, approx. ½ mile SW of the town of Gortner

CITY, TOWN

Gortner

☒ VICINITY OFCONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Atlee J. Hershberger

Telephone #: 301-334-4191

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Gortner

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21550

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This brick farmhouse is situated in Pleasant Valley approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile southwest of the town of Gortner. The house faces northwest. It is a two story, four bay by three bay structure with a bracketed gable roof. A 2-story wooden porch supported by chamfered posts with square balusters is inset into the west half of the facade and runs along the northeast elevation.

A similar pattern, with inset porches, probably existed on the rear, southeast elevation but has been filled in with a two story ceramic tile addition. Entrances are located on the facade, at the northeast elevation, at the southwest elevation of the ceramic tile addition and on the second story of the northeast elevation.

The house has two symmetrically located central brick chimneys and an interior brick chimney at the rear elevation. Two by two sash windows, with concrete sills and lintels, light the house.

The cellar is entered from the southeast elevation. The house is constructed of brick and rests on a poured concrete foundation. Asphalt shingles cover the roof.

The interior was not examined.

A frame barn on a stone foundation is also located on the property.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	1908	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Asa Coddington
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Swartzentruber House was built in 1908 by Asa Coddington for Lewis J. Swartzentruber. It is said that the brick for the house was made on the farm at the reported site of Ashby's Fort.

The house is also significant for its unusual exterior configuration marked by diagonally symmetrical opposing two-story inset porches.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Catherine Crawford, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

September 1981

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

301-269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis

Maryland 21401

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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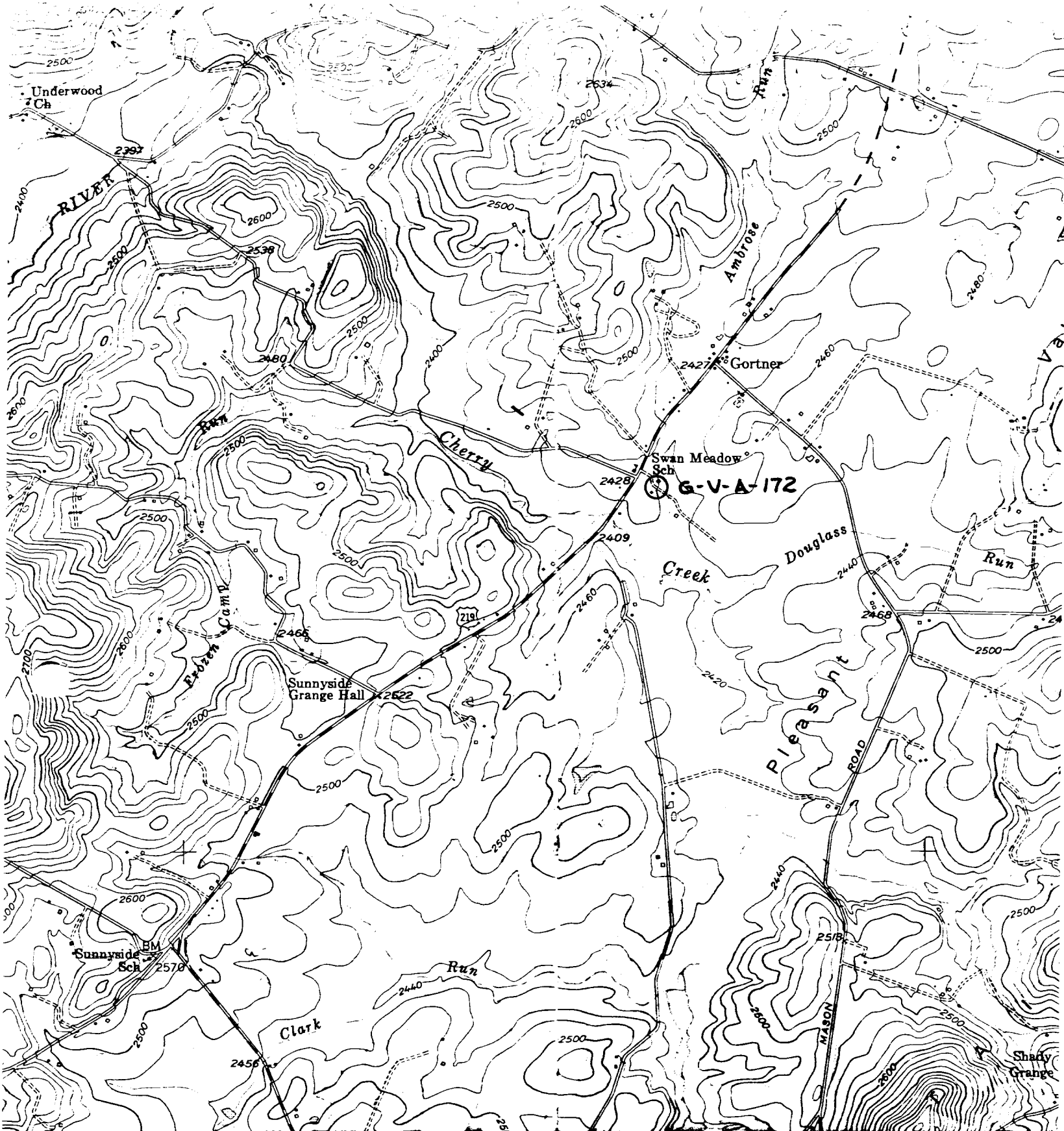


Table Rock: MD;WV
 USGS 7.5 Minute Series
 Scale 1:24,000
 1948; photorevised 1974

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 mile SW of the Town of Gortner



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Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 9/14/81

Facade: NW & NE elevs.



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Rear: SW & SE elevs.